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Intimations.

HONGKONG PUBLIC SCHOOL (St. Paul's College). Head Master—C. J. BATEMAN. Second Master—G. M. EYRE WHEELER. THE EASTER TERM will Commence on MONDAY, January 7th, at 9 a.m. New Pupils will be admitted on SATURDAY, January 5th, at 10 a.m. Hongkong, January 3, 1889.

NOTICE.

THE PRESENTATION TO THE 58th REGIMENT by the COMMISSIONERS OF HONGKONG will be made on the Parade Ground on SATURDAY, January 5th, at 5 p.m. J. H. STEWART, Esq., Hon. Secy. Hongkong, January 3, 1889.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THERE will be NO SHOOT or other COMPETITION until further Notice. A. S. HOOPER, Hon. Secy. Hongkong, January 3, 1889.

DENTISTRY.

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Business Notices.

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Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong. THE Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony, and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal HOTELS in the place. THE ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East. The Accommodation and Service of every kind will be found to be of the best description. ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious, large DINING-HALL. THE HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, Reading, Billiard and Smoking Rooms. THE HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service. MENSAJES, DORABJEE & HING KEE, Proprietors. Hongkong, September 16, 1888.

W. POWELL & Co.

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Business Notices.

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Notices to Consignees.

GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS. FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship Glenavon, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her and by the S.S. Luigale Hill and Holand, from NEW YORK, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LD., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained. Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 10 a.m. To-morrow, the 4th Instant. Cargo remaining undelivered after the 10th Instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Consignees are also requested to present all Claims for damages and/or shortages not later than the 16th Instant, otherwise they will not be recognized. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents. Hongkong, January 3, 1889.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship Japan having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

Notices of Firms.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

M. G. E. NOBLE has been Appointed CHIEF MANAGER of the Bank from the 1st January, 1889. By Order of the Court of Directors, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager. Hongkong, December 31, 1888.

NOTICE.

ON and after To-day, the Title of the 'TAKASIMA' COLLIERY will be changed to the 'MITSU BISHI' COLLIERY. H. J. H. TRIPP, Agent. Hongkong, January 1, 1889.

Shipping.

Steamers.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY. FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY. (Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW-CHWANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTSE.) The Co.'s Steamship, Captain M. J. ...

Shipping.

Steamers.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, VIA NAGASAKI AND KOREA. The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship, Captain ... will leave for the above places on FRIDAY, 11th January, 1889, at Noon. E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent. P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, December 28, 1888.

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA (FLORENCE & RUBATTONI UNITED COMPANIES). STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG & BOMBAY. Having connection with Company's Mail Steamers, to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, (LEGHORN), and GENOA; and Mediterranean, Adriatic, Levantine and Persian Gulf Ports, up to CALAO. Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD.

The Co.'s Steamship, Captain De Nood, will be despatched as above on or about the 14th Instant, at Noon. At Bombay the Steamers are discharging in Prince's Dock. For further Particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents. Hongkong, January 3, 1889.

To Let.

TO LET.

OFFICES and GODOWNS now occupied by the MESSAGERIES MARITIMES COMPANY, being No. 8, Praya Central. Possession from 1st February next. The Premises can be let partly. Apply to LAI HING & Co., No. 153, Queen's Road Central; or to C. EWENS. Hongkong, January 2, 1889.

TO LET.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

Entertainments.

CHIARINI'S ROYAL ITALIAN CIRCUS AND MENAGERIE,
AT BOWRINGTON.
OPEN
Every Night,
commencing at 9 sharp.
Days, 2 Performances,
at 3, and commencing at 3.30 p.m.
TODAY THE LAST WEEK.
POSITIVELY THE LAST WEEK.
POSITIVELY THE LAST WEEK.

TO-NIGHT, A MAGNIFICENT PROGRAMME, MANY & NOVEL FEATS.
TO-NIGHT FOR THE FIRST TIME, 'LES CLOCHES DE CORNEVILLE,' Danced on Horseback, by Mlle. Le Blanche. HARMSTON, Miss VICTORIA BLANCHE, Miss JENNETT, Miss EMILY ROWLAND, Mr. W. B. HARMSTON, Mr. GEORGE HARMSTON, Mr. H. GODFREY, and Mr. CARTER. These difficult and intricate quadrilles are directed by Mr. W. B. HARMSTON.
Pacific Contest of Skill, Strength, and Dexterity, in the School of Physical Education, by the whole Company.
Remember this is the LAST WEEK of this FIRST-CLASS EXHIBITION.

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GRAND REDUCTION OF PRICES!!
Boxes with 6 Chairs \$9.00
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Carpet Seats 0.50
Gallery 0.30
Children and Soldiers in uniform in the Gallery, 20 Cents. To all other parts of the House Half Price.
L. MAYA,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 4, 1889. 2226

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

THE HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY
will (By Special Request) give
TWO MORE PERFORMANCES
of
GILBERT & SULLIVAN'S OPERETTA
'IOLANDE,'
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FRIDAY & SATURDAY.

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A Splendid Collection of the Latest LONDON PATRONS, at very moderate prices. 742

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE FOR CHINESE.
RESIDENTS in the Colony would be materially aided by the SENATE of the COLLEGE by forwarding to the ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL:
(1) Glass Jars (for museum purposes).
(2) Illustrated Papers and Books for the Student's Reading Room and Library.
Address to: JAMES CANTLIE,
Hon. Sec. to the College.
Hongkong, August 7, 1888. 1317

PUBLICATIONS.
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Orders for Printing and Book-binding promptly executed at MODERATE CHARGES.
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ANY Cast-off Clothing, Books, or Papers will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.
HONGKONG, July 25, 1887

Mails.
Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.
PAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.
The ship OCEANIC will be despatched for San Francisco, via Panama, on the 8th January.

To-day's Advertisements.

TENDERS will be RECEIVED at this Office, up to Noon on the 10th Inst., for the SUPPLY of 8 OLD JUNKS of from 800 to 1,000 Piculs Capacity each. Each Junk must be provided with 2 Anchors and Cables, and One or Two Masts—Sails not required—and must be capable of carrying a full Cargo of stone or other dead weight.
Where Tenders are accepted, the Junks will be required to be delivered at the Junk Anchorage off the Harbour Office.
R. MURRAY-RUMSEY,
H.M. Commr. R.N.
Harbour Master, &c.
HARBOUR DEPARTMENT,
Hongkong, 2nd January, 1889. 26

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.
The Steamship Japan, Capt. GARDNER, will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 7th Instant, at Noon, instead of as previously advertised.
For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON, Sons & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, January 4, 1889. 21

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR MANILA (DIRECT.)
The Co.'s Steamship Diamante, Capt. G. TAYLER, will be despatched for the above Port on MONDAY, the 7th Inst., at 4 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, January 4, 1889. 22

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SWATOW AND BANGKOK.
The Company's Steamer Kony Beng, Captain R. JONES, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 8th Inst., at 6 a.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to YUEN FAT HONG, Agents.
Hongkong, January 4, 1889. 27

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, VIA NAGASAKI AND KOBE.
(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)
The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship Arcona will leave for the above places on FRIDAY, 18th January, at Noon.
E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, January 4, 1889. 24

To-day's Advertisements.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.
The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship Bengal will leave for the above place about 24 hours after her arrival with the outward English Mails.
E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, January 4, 1889. 23

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, PORT SAID, MARSEILLES, MALTA, GIBRALTAR, BRINDISI, PLYMOUTH, AND LONDON.
also,
BOMBAY, CALCUTTA AND AUSTRALIA.
N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, PORTS, MARSEILLES, TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK AND BOSTON.
SPECIE ONLY Landed at PLYMOUTH.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMSHIP SUTLEJ, Capt. W. D. WORCESTER, R.N., will be despatched from this for LONDON, via BOMBAY and SUEZ CANAL on WEDNESDAY, 10th January, at Noon.
Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing.
Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing.
Silk and Valables for Europe will be transhipped at Colombo; Tea and General Cargo for London will be conveyed via Bombay without transhipment, arriving one week later than by the ordinary direct route via Colombo.
For further Particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.
The Contents and Value of Packages are required to be declared prior to shipment.
Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bill of Lading.
Passengers desirous of insuring their baggage can do so on application at the Company's Office.
E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, January 4, 1889. 25

Not Responsible for Debts.
Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the above Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour.
BYGLA, German barque, Capt. Weiss—Wieler & Co.
JAPAN, British steamer, Capt. Gardner—David Sassoon, Sons & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
January 4, 1889:—
Diamante, British steamer, 514, Taylor, Amoy January 3; General—S. & Co.
Kung-pai, Chinese steamer, 602, A. Brieseman, Shanghai January 1, Cal.—C. M. S. N. Co.

DEPARTURES.
January 4:—
Devanagere, for Bangkok.
Glencraig, for Yokohama.
Verona, for Yokohama.
Mile Mare, for Katschinotzu.
Bengale, for Kobe and Yokohama.
Metapedia, for Nagasaki.

CLEARED.
Glencraig, for Shanghai.
Stentor, for Amoy and Shanghai.
Actis, for Hoihow and Pakhoi.

PASSENGERS.
ARRIVED.
Per Amoy, from Amoy, 50 Chines.
Per Kung-pai, from Shanghai, 18 Brien Rigden, Messrs Grundmann and J. Lister, and 12 Chineses.

DEPARTED.
Per Verona, for Yokohama, Misses Rose, Mr. R. S. Davis, Mr. Hilbert Sharp, Mrs. Sharp, Messrs Ah. Tai, E. Richardson, John Vandenone, and Mr. T. Sang and family; for Higo, Mr. B. Yok Cho; for Nagasaki, Mrs. Ogston, Messrs Nagasawa and Charles.
Per Devanagere, for Bangkok, 15 Chines.
To DEPART.
Per Glencraig, for Shanghai, 1 Brien.
Per Stentor, for Amoy, 3 Europeans and 100 Chineses.
Per Actis, for Hoihow, 60 Chineses.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
The British steamer Diamante, which had fresh monsoon and fine weather throughout.
The Chinese steamer Kung-pai reports experienced fresh North and North-Westerly winds, and light rain to Tung-yin thence to Breaker Point, steady monsoon and overcast; and thence to port, moderate Northerly winds and fine weather.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.
MAILS will close:—
For SHANGHAI.—
Per Glencraig, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday the 5th Inst.

For SINGAPORE.—
Per Diamante, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday the 5th January, 1889.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOV.—
Per Hailong, at 5 p.m., on Saturday the 5th Inst.

For HAIPHONG.—
Per Maria, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 5th Inst.

For STRAITS & CALCUTTA.—
Per Japan, at 11.30 a.m., on Monday, the 7th Inst., instead of as previously notified.

PARCEL MAIL for INDIA.—
Per Japan, closes at 10.30 a.m., on Monday, the 7th Inst., instead of as previously notified.

For HAIPHONG.—
Per Japan, at 5 p.m., on Monday, the 7th Inst.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.
Daylight.—Stentor leaves for Shanghai, &c.
Noon.—Daphne leaves for Havre, &c.

Amusements.
4 p.m.—Chiari's Royal Italian Circus and Menagerie.
9 p.m.—Chiari's Royal Italian Circus and Menagerie.

Miscellaneous.
5 p.m.—Presentation to the 53th Regt. at the Parade Ground.

A. S. WATSON & Co. LIMITED.

WE HAVE NOW IN STOCK
CRYSTALLIZED APRICOTS,
CRYSTALLIZED PEARS,
CRYSTALLIZED CHEERRIES,
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CRYSTALLIZED GREENFRAGS.

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FIGS AND JORDAN ALMONDS.

METZ FRUITS in 4th and 1st boxes.

TOM SMITH'S BONEBONS.

RIMMEL'S FLOKAL & ROSE WATER, CHACKERS, &c., &c.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
December 15th, 1888. 2118

The publication of this issue commenced at 7.20 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 1889.

We have no doubt the experience gained at last meeting of the Legislative Council will convince his Excellency of the inadaptability of holding a meeting on the day after New Year's Day. The Colony as a rule celebrates the day with all the enthusiasm of Scotchmen. It is not therefore very surprising to find that next day—without speaking of the condition of the head—the digestive organs of not a few are slightly out of order. The effect of dyspepsia on the temper is proverbial and need not be dilated on. To judge from what took place on Wednesday, we are led to think that the inevitable reaction had marked effects on some of the members of our august Legislative Council, more particularly on His Excellency and Mr. Byrie. The proceedings had not long begun before Mr. Byrie began to 'protest,' somewhat, it is needless to confess. His contention that \$2 was too high, even as a maximum charge, for the

now connected with him.

When he introduced the carefully explained unimportant verbal alterations and dismissed the question of fees in the following manner, 'Then there are some details as to fees, which speak for themselves. The fees, however, do not exactly speak for themselves, for even the Attorney General himself, when cornered by Mr. Byrie, was unable to state whether the new charges were higher than the old. We must say it was Mr. Byrie's duty, both as Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and as member of the Legislative Council, to have compared the two classes of fees and to have been prepared to resist the increase which is undoubtedly made. Coming unprepared and talking rather strongly about watching jealously that no fresh impositions were made, he certainly laid himself open to the rather sharp retort given by his Excellency. The comparison of the fees should have been a very easy matter for Mr. Byrie, and he and Mr. Layton were more in a position to judge of whether there was really an advance or not than any of the official members of Council, who have no practical knowledge of shipping matters. Of course his unpreparedness does not improve the position of the Government, none of the members of which, it turned out, had any idea of the change made by the Bill they were passing through the Council. It had been drafted with the advice of Captain Thomson, three years ago, had been thrown aside, and was now being pushed through by officials and non-officials.

a 'happy-go-lucky' style that is scarcely consistent with the important duties of legislation. The modification is of so simple a character that even inexperience of shipping affairs is no excuse for the officials not being able to fully explain it. As the matter is an important one for this great mercantile centre, we think it right that the alterations made by the Bill should be clearly stated. The new Bill, first of all, cancels sub-section 5 of section 16 of the 1879 Ordinance. That sub-section reads as follows (the italics are our own):—

5. No seaman shall, except with the Harbour Master's sanction, be shipped to duty on board any merchant ship whatever elsewhere than at the office of the Harbour Master, who shall charge for every seaman shipped a fee of one dollar, such fee to be paid, in the first instance, by the master of the ship shipping such seaman; and such master shall deduct the same from the wages of the seaman shipped; and the Harbour Master shall require such seaman to lodge with him his certificate of discharge from the last ship, and failing the production of such certificate, such seaman shall be bound to give satisfactory explanation to the Harbour Master of the cause of non-production thereof. The aforesaid fee shall be accounted for by the Harbour Master to the Treasurer.

For this sub-section there is